n the Army, Air Force and Navy are of late joining political parties with communal background;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to amend the Army, Air Force and Naval laws so as to debar the senior officers to join political parties after their retirement; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Government are aware that a number of retired Defence Services personnel have joined political parties. After retirement a former Defence Services personnel has the right to join any political party of his choice.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to amend the Army Act, the Navy Act and the Air Force Act to debar retired Defence Services Personnel from joining political parties.

Involvement of a DG/ with the Terrorist Cell

1528. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in June this year, the CBI caught red-handed its own DIG dealing with terrorist cell, and launched investigation on charges of corruption and other offences, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the DIG was also found to be financing various terrorist out-fits in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in course of the investigation the DIG's Bank Lockers at Jaipur were opened recently where Gold bars and foreign currency in huge quantity were found to be concealed; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the DIG has been pu under suspension, if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THI MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUB LIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes Sir. Cases under the Prevention o Corruption Act, 1988 and the Foreig Exchange Regulation Act have bee registered against him and investiga tion is in progress.

(b) No, Sir. Nothing has come t notice so far.

(c) A locker in the joint name o Shri & Smt. O. P. Sharma was go opened at Jaipur. Besides cash c Rs. 3 lakhs, gold ornaments weighin about 874.020 gms and fixed deposi receipts worth Rs. 36,100/- were found therein. No foreign currency wa found in the locker.

(d) Yes, Sir. Shri O. P. Sharm has been placed under suspension.

Complaints of HMT workers migrate from Kashmir

1529. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN Will the PRIME MINISTER b pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are awar of the complaints of HMT worker migrated from Kashmir to Bangalor and Tumkur; and

(b) if so, what are the detail thereof and action taken by Govern ment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THI MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHR P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Som of the employees of HMT's Srinaga watch unit, who had migrated fron there, have represented to HM regarding their salary, increments an promotions in the units in which the have been temporarily accommodated

The migrant employees have bee posted in different units of HMT o a temporary transfer basis on th condition that as and when the posi tion improves, they would return